May 15, 1942. Esser County Local Draft Board. City Hall. Day Street, Orange. N. J. Gentlemen: I have just been informed that en employee of mine has left the Country to play ball in Mexico. I am writing to tell you that he had signed a contract to play with the Newerk Eagles Beseball Club for two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) per month from May 3rd to September 15, 1942. He had been advanced seventy five dollars (\$75.00) on his salary, and had spent five weeks in training camp with the team. I have received no word officially of his departure, and I am writing you in an effort to find out if you have granted him this permission to leave the Country. His name is Montford Irvin. 248 Wallace Street, Orange, M. J. I cannot believe permission would be granted a man of his age to go away at a time like this, especially in view of the fact that he had a job, the contract for which he signed voluntarily. I will greatly appreciate hearing from you, so I will know just what to expect. Very truly yours. MM: CCJ